

Supplementary material

Search strategy for MEDLINE/Ovid

1. exp Sutures/
2. exp Wound Closure Techniques/
3. (suture adj1 technique\$.tw
4. (suture adj1 technic\$.tw
5. (suture\$ OR suturing technique\$ OR suturing OR dermatologic suturing OR primary suture OR sutured laceration\$ OR primary closure OR closure technique\$ OR laceration\$ closed OR laceration\$ repair OR sutured wound OR wound closure OR skin closure OR skin suture\$ OR wound closure techniques).tw
6. OR/1-5
7. Time Factors/
8. (time adj1 factor\$ OR time delay OR timeframe\$ OR time to closure OR time interval OR time limit OR wound age OR early closure OR primary closure OR delay closure OR early intervention OR managed primarily).tw
9. 7 OR 8
10. exp Wound Healing/
11. wound healing\$.tw
12. 10 OR 11
13. exp Wound Infection/
14. (wound infection\$ OR surgical wound infection\$.tw
15. 13 OR 14
16. exp Skin/injuries
17. Wounds and Injuries/
18. (traumatic wound\$ OR surgical wound\$ OR penetrating adj1 wound\$ OR laceration\$ OR traumatic laceration\$.tw
19. Leg Injuries/
20. Arm Injuries/
21. Hand Injuries/
22. Lacerations/
23. Surgical Wound/
24. Wounds, Penetrating/
25. OR/16-24
26. 6 AND 9 AND 15
27. 15 AND 16
28. 6 AND 15 AND 25
29. 9 AND 12 AND 17
30. 6 AND 9 AND 25
31. 6 AND 9 AND 12 AND 25
32. 6 AND 9 AND 15 AND 25
33. 6 AND 9 AND 12 AND 15 AND 25
34. OR/26-33
35. exp Animals
36. Humans/
37. 35 NOT 36
38. 34 NOT 37